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SUBJ: LEIGH RETURNS FROM PERU

REF: SANTIAGO 3681

1. JUNTA MEMBER AND AIR FORCE CINC GEN GUSTAVO LEIGH GUZMAN RETURNED TO SANTIAGO AFTERNOON JUNE 26 FROM 5-DAY VISIT TO PERU. LEIGH SAID THAT RELATIONS WITH PERU ARE "OPTIMAL" AND "HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER." HE REFERRED TO FRANKNESS AND SINCERITY ENCOUNTERED IN BOTH PERUVIAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN CIRCLES.

2. COMMENT. LEIGH'S CHARACTERIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PERU REFLECTS PUBLIC STANCE OF FREINDSHIP WHICH GOC HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO PRESENT, AND WE ASSUME REPRESENTS ACCURATE PICTURE OF ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING HIS VISIT. HOWEVER, WHILE CLIMATE IS A BIT LESS STRAINED THAN A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT CHILEAN MILITARY ARE ANY HAPPIER OVER ARMS IMBALANCE WITH PERU OR THAT GOC WILL CHANGE ITS BASIC CONVICTION THAT MILITARY THREAT FROM PERU IS REAL AND SERIOUS.
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